AS A WOMAN

I'VE BURNED MY INTEREST IN YOU.

THE REASON I LIKE KANI-YOSHI-KUN...

TWO DAYS AGO

I'M PROUD WE GOT ALONG SO FAR.

"THREE DAYS AGO"

IN ANOTHER KIND OF THE WAY BY REASON OF LIVING.

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HAVE TO DEAL WITH SUCH AN IMMENSE DOWN-POUR...

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GOOD EVENING!!

YOU SURE ARE PEPPY, TEDDY.

I made food for all of us to eat♡

It's New Year's Eve, Ryu-chan!
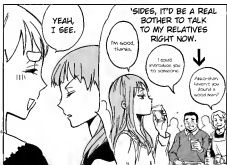
YOU LOOK PRETTY...

YOU SURE ARE PEPPY, RYUU-CHAN!

OH...

BEEN SO MONTHS SINCE I'VE LAST SEEN HER... HUH...

ALL RIGHT!

TIME TO START MAKING THE TOSHI-KOSHI SOBA!

NOPE, I'M GONNA MAKE IT KASHIWA SOBA WITH TOPPINGS.

SO YOU'RE GONNA GO ALL OUT FOR NOODLES MY LADY?

IS THE WORD "KASHIWA" USED LOCALLY IN KYUSHU?

HEY, OITA GIRL.

WHAT IS THAT MEAT THAT YOU'RE CALLING BATTARA CALL IT?

OH, YOU MEAN CHICKEN MEAT?

KASHIWA

RAISED IN OITA

RAISED IN SAITAMA

BASED IN SAITAMA

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!

BUT I THINK ONLY THE WESTERN ZIP VERSION. I SEE IT ON EVERYDAY USA-SIE.

IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE POPULAR IN ALL OF JAPAN.

LET ME TELL YOU...

YOU'RE SUCH A TSUNDERE, AKI.

YOU MAY SAY THAT, BUT YOU'RE REALLY WORRIED ABOUT HIM.

NOTHING LIKE THAT, OKAY?!

WELL, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT THEN I WON'T FORCE YOU TO.

SO SPEAKING OF OUR HOMETOWN.

WELL, WINTER'S PRETTY MUCH HALF OVER NOW, HUH... IT'LL BE ABOUT THREE DAYS.

DID YOU VISIT YOUR PARENTS THIS YEAR?

WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU LIVE PRETTY CLOSE TO YOUR HOMETOWN.

I CAN VISIT THEM ON MY OWN TIME.

YEAH, I SEE.

'SIDES, IT'D BE A REAL BOTHER TO TALK TO MY RELATIVES RIGHT NOW.

I'M GOOD THANKS.

I SAID EVERYONE ON SOMEONE?

FAIR ENOUGH. WHAT'S AN HOUR?

WOW!

YOU GOT TWO GUYS TO CONFESS TO YOU IN TWO DAYS IN A ROW!?

UM, WHO IS HE? ANOTHER ASSASSIN'S ASSISTANT?

OK, WELL IT SOUNDS LIKE A CONFESSION TO ME

W-WELL I DON'T EVEN THINK IT'S FAIR THAT IT EVEN COUNTS AS A CONFESSION

"ASSASSIN'S THE ASSISTANT"!!

BUT THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE IN THE 18 YEARS THEY'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER!

THIS ISN'T FUNNY, DAMMIT!

I DIDN'T, THOUGH!

HEY, WHEN YOU SAID THAT, DO YOU MEAN THAT YOU LIKE HER?

I CAN'T JUST CONFRONT HIM DIRECTLY AND ASK HIM IF HE LIKES ME OR NOT...

WELL, I'M ACTUALLY REALLY STRESSED OUT ABOUT IT!

HE MIGHT SEE THAT AS SEXUAL HARASSMENT!

BUT HEY, IF HE'S 20 DOESN'T THAT MAKE HIM AN ADULT?

YEAH, AND YOU'RE THE LOVE EXPERT.

HE'S STILL YOUNG, BUT HE PROBABLY DOESN'T HAVE MUCH EXPERIENCE IN ROMANCE.

YOU'RE MAKING IT SOUND LIKE I'M AN EXPERT OR SOMETHING, BUT I'M REALLY NOT...

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ILLIADS IN PARTY MODE

I ACTED LIKE A TOTAL FUCK-ING KID!

NO. NO. REMEM-BER WHEN I WAS BOT!

I DON'T WANT TO GO OUT WITH ANY OF THEM!

WAIT.

THEN WHY DON'T YOU GO OUT WITH THAT MATURE STRATEGIST GUY?

AND DECIDE WHO TO GO OUT WITH FROM THERE?

DON'T YOU THINK YOU'D BE BETTER OFF WITH A DIFFERENT GIRL?

WHY DON'T YOU START BY BEING FRIENDS WITH BOTH OF THEM?

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WHAT ...?!

LOOK, IF YOU BUILD AND SUSTAIN A CLOSE AND PRIVATE RELATIONSHIP WITH ONE OF THEM...

YOU COULD DEVELOP SOME SPECIAL FEELINGS...

MAYBE NOT ROMANTIC, BUT MAYBE SOMETHING SIMILAR TO ROMANTIC LOVE.

O-OH, WELL...

I DON'T THINK I COULD GO OUT WITH EITHER ONE OF THEM IF I HAVE TO TREAT THEM LIKE LAB RATS...

BUT THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY...

TO CONFRONT YOUR INNER SELF...

WELL, I UNDER-STAND WHY YOU'RE GETTING COLD FEET.

NO. THAT'S STUPID!

LOOK AT THIS CUTE, HOT, LOTS OF WAYS TO FOLLOW BETWEEN THE LINES AND UNTIL THIS CLEARS YOUR MIND...

FEEL FERAL INSTINCTS

MY INNER SELF

MY INNER SELF

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OH, YEAH!
I FORGOT TODAY
IS THE STARTING...

OH, THAT
GUY WHO
WROTE ABOUT
THE SELFISH
GENE?

THAT ONLY
HUMANS
CAN REBEL
AGAINST THE
TYRANNY OF
THE SELFISH GENE
(REPLICATORS).

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TL Note: Kazu Tsuda Kuzu Tsuda in a TV mini scene that crossover joke's about a New Year's Day in Japan

COLUMN XXXX

LET US DRINK FOR
JUST A GOOD OR...

HAPPY
NEW YEAR!

AND
NOW

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AH...

I FEEL
LIKE I'M
ABOUT
TO GET
EXECUTED

WORK BEGINS

I WILL SOON BE MEETING WITH ASSASSIN ...

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WEEK...

end.

HOT CHOCOLATE SCANS

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